



# City of Cincinnati Cincinnati City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:07 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

## **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Anna Albi, Councilmember Seth Walsh, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Reggie Harris, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Meeka Owens, and President Pro Tempore Victoria Parks

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

Councilmember Parks is absent from today's council meeting.

Council observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There being no objection, the Minutes of the previous session of Council were Approved and Filed.

#### MR. HARRIS

1. ORDINANCE, submitted by Councilmember Harris, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the disbursement of \$400,000 of Major Events Funding included in the Approved FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update for the Forbes 30 Under 30 Summit.

202401988

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. HARRIS

MR. JEFFREYS

MS. ALBI

2. MOTION, (AMENDED) submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding, Harris, Jeffreys and Albi, WE MOVE that the funds from the potential tax credit refund from the Mercy Health Bon Secours office building in Bond

Hill be redirected to housing, economic development, and other Capital projects. These funds should be allocated to projects in the neighborhoods who were affected by the closure of this and other Mercy Health facilities, \*\*\*with priority going to Bond Hill first, followed by Mt Airy, and Westwood. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

# Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

## **CITY MANAGER**

**3. REPORT**, dated 9/5/2024 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Hewinati LLC, DBA Zee Food Mart, 1906 Losantiville Avenue. (#3691906, STCK, C1 C2) [ Objections: Yes]

**202401917** 

## Filed

**4. REPORT**, dated 9/11/2024 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for RASAHOLDINGS LLC, DBA University BP, 2606 Jefferson Avenue. (#7207142, TRFO, C2, C2X, D6) [Objections: None]

202401977

#### Filed

5. REPORT, dated 9/11/2024 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Seven Star Eleven Petroleum LLC, DBA Clifton Shell, 3337 Clifton Avenue. (#8000311, TRFO, C1 C2) [Objections: None]

202401978

#### Filed

**6. REPORT**, dated 9/11/2024 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Clifton Hotel CC Restaurant LLC, DBA Cap City Fine Diner & Bar, 310 Straight Street. (#1173062, TREX, D1 D2) [Objections: None]

**202401982** 

#### Filed

**7. REPORT**, dated 9/11/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Price Hill Thanksgiving Day Parade.

202401983

## Filed

**8. REPORT**, dated 9/11/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Walk Ahead for Brain Tumor Discoveries.

<u>202401985</u>

#### Filed

**9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/11/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$15,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives - GF," to source Fund No. 050, "General Fund," to realign sources with uses; and

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$15,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 050, "General Fund," to Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 to provide local matching resources to Co-op Cincy for a United States Department of Labor grant awarded to Co-op Cincy.

# Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

10. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/11/2024, ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio in accordance with the plat entitled Waterline Easement Plat Cin 341 Dix St Easement E-1127, as recorded in Plat Book 503, Pages 100 and 101, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office. 202401992

## Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

11. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/11/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with The East Walnut Hills Assembly, Inc., pursuant to which the City will lease a portion of certain real property located between Madison Road on the north and Myrtle Avenue on the south in the East Walnut Hills neighborhood of Cincinnati, for continued use as a public parking lot for the benefit of the general public.

202402013

# Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

12. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/11/2024, **REPEALING** Ordinance No. 36-2022 passed by Council on November 30, 2022 and Ordinance No. 381-2020 passed Council on December 16, 2020. **NOTWITHSTANDING** certain provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 514-3 "Designation of Restricted Parking Area," 514-5 "Residential Parking Permits Criteria," and 514-7, "Permit Types, Qualifications and Fees," **DESIGNATING** a portion of the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood, the area bounded by the east side of Central Parkway (Northbound) from Liberty Street to Mohawk Place, the south side of Mohawk Place from Central Parkway to Vine Street, the east side of Vine Street (northbound) from West McMicken Avenue to East Clifton Avenue, the west side of East Clifton Avenue from Vine Street to Main Street, the east side of Main Street (Southbound) from East Clifton Avenue from Vine Street to Main Street, the east side of Main Street (southbound) from East Clifton Avenue to Liberty Street, the north side of Liberty Street from Main Street to Central Parkway, as a Special Parking Permit Area ("SPPA"), for which residential parking permits are to be issued to residents of the SPPA for an annual permit fee, and to residents of rent-subsidized housing in the SPPA for a discounted annual permit fee.

**EQUITABLE GROWTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE** 

# Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

#### **CLERK OF COUNCIL**

13 REGISTRATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative 202402001 Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Asianati)

Filed

**14** REGISTRATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (HPSRD LLC)

202402002

Filed

15. REGISTRATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra)

202402003

Filed

**16. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati USA)

202402004

Filed

17. REGISTRATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Manager, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati USA)

202402005

Filed

**18 REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Manager, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra)

202402006

Filed

**19 REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Manager, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Asianati)

202402007

Filed

**20 REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Manager, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Cincinnati Arts Association)

202402008

Filed

21 REGISTRATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Manager, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (HPSRD LLC)

Filed **22 REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative 202402010 Agent Matt Davis, Government Affairs, President, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra) Filed 23. REGISTRATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative 202402026 Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Manager, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Eyas Medical Imaging) Filed **24 REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative 202402027 Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Manager, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (8K Company) Filed **25 REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative 202402028 Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Manager, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Birge & Held) Filed 26. REGISTRATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative 202402029 Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (8K Company) Filed 27. REGISTRATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative 202402030 Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Birge & Held) Filed 28. REGISTRATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative 202402031 Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Eyas Medical Imaging) Filed **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** 29. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City 202401937 Manager, on 9/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks program to redevelop the former City playground located at

Passed Emergency

1721 Linn Street into a community greenspace.

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0284-2024

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0284-2024

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0284-2024

**30. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of diverting distressed food loads from landfills to food rescue organizations and creating composting infrastructure to divert food waste from landfills.

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0285-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

**Enactment No: 0285-2024** 

**31. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network to perform a resilience hub assessment, prepare a resilience hub plan, and conduct an energy audit with solar assessment at the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio offices in the Avondale neighborhood.

<u>202401950</u>

**Passed** 

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0286-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0286-2024

**32. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$150,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities (ALN 16.015), to expand the Cincinnati Police Department's GRASP program and provide training to regional police and fire agencies; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24RIDM.

**Passed** 

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0287-2024

Suspension of the three readings

202401949

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0287-2024

**33. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return of

\$125,000 to source Fund 050, "General Fund," from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x231036, "Communication Equipment - GFCO"; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$125,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources for the redesign of the City's official website.

# **Passed Emergency**

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0288-2024

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

202401943

Enactment No: 0288-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0288-2024

**34. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$178,977.20 from the unappropriated surplus of Miscellaneous Permanent Improvement Fund 757 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x232522, "Fleet Replacements - Obsolete,"

to acquire automotive and motorized equipment funded by the sale and subrogation proceeds of obsolete automotive and motorized equipment.

## Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0289-2024

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

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**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0289-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0289-2024

35 ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/3/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,125,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Avondale Equivalent Fund 468 to Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCED") non-personnel operating budget account no. 468x162x7200 to provide resources for the construction of affordable housing at property located at 548-588 Blair Avenue in Avondale; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$40,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Avondale Equivalent Fund 468 to DCED personnel operating budget account no. 468x162x7100 to provide staffing resources to support the construction of affordable housing at property located at 548-588 Blair Avenue in Avondale; and **DECLARING** that expenditures from DCED non-personnel operating budget account no. 468x162x7200 and from DCED personnel operating account no. 468x162x7100 relating to the construction of affordable housing at property located at 548-588 Blair Avenue in Avondale are for a public purpose and constitute a "Housing Renovation" (as defined in Section 5709.40(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code) that will benefit and/or serve the District 21-Avondale Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

Passed Emergency

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0290-2024

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0290-2024

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0290-2024

**36. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2024, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Supreme Bright Cincinnati, LLC, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 105 E. 4th Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, in

connection with the remodeling of an existing building into (i) approximately 490,789 square feet of commercial space, consisting of an approximately 280-room hotel with meeting and ballroom space, and a restaurant/bar; and (ii) approximately 27,936 square feet of residential space, consisting of approximately sixteen residential rental units, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold, or Platinum standard or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$102,000,000. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<a href="https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business">https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business<>>).

# Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0291-2024

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0291-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0291-2024

**37. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, WE MOVE that the Administration prepare a report and updated policy within 30 days for supporting small businesses during road closures.

202401922

202401927

Adopted

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

## **EQUITABLE GROWTH & HOUSINGS COMMITTEE**

**38. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/10/2024, **APPROVING** a major amendment to the concept plan and development program statement governing Planned Development No. 38 to change the density and uses permitted within the planned development to allow for greater density and to facilitate the construction of a new multi-family residential development at 1931 E. Seymour Avenue in the Bond Hill neighborhood. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List

<<hr/>https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>). (VICE

MAYOR KEARNEY IS EXCUSED FROM THIS ITEM)

Passed Emergency

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Harris

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

No: Councilmember Johnson

**Excused:** Vice Mayor Kearney

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0292-2024

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Harris

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

No: Councilmember Johnson

**Excused:** Vice Mayor Kearney

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0292-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harris

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**Excused:** Vice Mayor Kearney

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0292-2024

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:47 P.M.